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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS

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1. DURING JANUARY 8 COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER TRANSPORTATION MARTINELLI I RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE CHANGE IN GOI CHARTER POLICY TO PERMIT SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS, NOTING THAT PRESENT POLICY PERMITTING ONLY SINGLE AFFINITY AND ITC CHARTERS WAS HARMFUL TO BOTH US AIR CARRIERS AND ITALIAN TOURISM, AS DEMONSTRATED BY RECENT CANCELLATIONS OF HOTEL RESERVATIONS BY US TRAVEL AGENCIES.

2. MARTINELLI, WHILE STATING HE NOT FAMILIAR WITH PROBLEM, EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST AND IMMEDIATELY SUMMONED CIVILAVIA DIRECTOR GENERAL MOCI TO EXPLAIN GOI/ALITALIA RATIONALE FOR OPPOSITION TO SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS. HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH MOCI'S EXPLANATIONS AND ASKED THAT MEETING WITH ALITALIA, CIVILAVIA AND EMBASSY EXPERTS, IN WHICH HE AND I WOULD PARTICIPATE, BE ARRANGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I AGREED TO THIS SUGGESTION.

3. COMMENT: HAVING EXTRACTED SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTER ISSUE FROM BUREAUCRATIC CHANNELS, I INTEND TO FOLLOW UP IMMEDIATELY

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WITH PERSONAL LETTER TO MARTINELLI EXPLAINING WHY ITC WILL

NOT MEET NEED AND NOTING THAT ITALY ONE OF FEW, IF NOT ONLY,
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH DOES NOT PERMIT SPLIT AFFINITY
CHARTERS. VOLPE

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